

ASSISTANCE DOGS (Guide, Signal and Service Dogs)

Assistance animals are individually trained to perform tasks for people with disabilities, such as: guiding people who are blind (guide dogs), alerting people who are deaf (signal dogs) and alerting people who have seizures, etc. (service dogs). Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, businesses and organizations that serve the public must allow people with disabilities to bring their assistance animals into all areas of public facilities. Businesses may ask if the animal is an assistance animal or what task it performs, but cannot require special identification cards for the animal or ask about the person's disability. Listed below are a number of schools and organizations that may help in locating appropriately trained assistance dogs.

ASSISTANCE DOG SPECIAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (ADSA)

California Department of Social Services

744 P Street, MS 8-16-94

Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 657-2628 (Voice)

(916) 657-6248 (TTY)

Website: www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/pg82.htm

The ADSA program provides a monthly payment to eligible persons who use a guide, signal, or service dog to help with needs related to their physical disabilities. The allowance is to help pay the cost of food, grooming and health care for the dog.

ASSISTANCE DOGS INTERNATIONAL

Website: www.adionline.org

Assistance Dogs International, Inc. is a coalition of not for profit organizations that trains and places assistance dogs. The types of dogs trained are service dogs.

BERGIN UNIVERSITY OF CANINE STUDIES

Assistance Dog Institute

1215 Sebastopol Road

Santa Rosa, CA 95407

(707) 545-3647

Website: berginu.org

E-mail: info@assistancedog.org

Dr. Bonita Bergin invented the concept of the Service Dog to assist people with mobility impairments in 1975. The university pursues its mission of "advancing the human-canine partnership through research and education." This is the only university offering Master of Science and Associate of Science degrees in dog studies. The types of dogs trained are service dogs.

BOARD OF GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND
California Department of Consumer Affairs

1625 North Market Boulevard, Suite S-202
Sacramento, CA 95834
(916) 574-7825 (Local and Out-of-State calls)
(866) 512-9103 (Toll Free for In-State calls)
Website: www.guidedogboard.ca.gov
E-mail: guidedogboard@dca.ca.gov

The Board licenses and regulates schools and persons in California that train and supply guide dogs for the blind. The Board also oversees fundraising practices.

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE

P.O. Box 446
Santa Rosa, CA 95402
(800) 572-2275
(800) 224-3647 (National Headquarters)
Website: www.cci.org

Northwest Regional Center

2965 Dutton Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
(800) 572-2275
(707) 577-1756 (TTY)

Southwest Regional Center

124 Rancho del Oro Drive
Oceanside, CA 92052
(800) 572-2275
(760) 901-4300
(760) 901-4326 (TTY)

Canine Companions for Independence is a national nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly-trained assistance and hearing dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. The types of dogs trained are service and hearing dogs.

CANINE CO-PILOTS

8539 East Musket Trail
Flagstaff, AZ 86004
Website: www.caninecopilots.org
E-mail: info@caninecopilots.org
Canine Copilots train hearing and service dogs for individuals.

DISCOVERY DOGS

Shari Dehouwer

P.O. Box 6050

San Rafael, CA 94903

(415) 479-9557

Website: www.discoverydogs.org

E-mail: DiscoveryDogs@DiscoveryDogs.org

Discovery Dogs trains hearing and service dogs for individuals.

DOGS FOR THE DEAF

10175 Wheeler Road

Central Point, OR 97502

(541) 826-9220 (Voice/TTY)

Website: www.dogsforthe deaf.org

E-mail: info@dogsforthe deaf.org

Dogs for the Deaf provides small to medium sized animals which are chosen from adoption shelters to provide services to persons who are deaf.

EYE DOG FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND, INC.

P.O. Box 519

Claremont, CA 91711

(800) 393-3641

(909) 626-8131

Website: www.eyedogfoundation.org

Eye Dog Foundation for the Blind trains guide dogs for individuals.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

P.O. Box 151200

San Rafael, CA 94915

(415) 499-4000

(800) 295-4050

Website: www.guidedogs.com

E-mail: information@guidedogs.com

Guide Dogs for the Blind is a nonprofit, charitable organization with a mission to provide guide dogs and training in their use to visually impaired people throughout the United States and Canada.

GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA

13445 Glenoaks Boulevard

Sylmar, CA 91342

(818) 362-5834

Website: www.guidedogsofamerica.org

Email: mail@guidedogsofamerica.org

The mission of Guide Dogs of America is to provide guide dogs and instruction in their use, free of charge, to blind and visually impaired men and women from the United States and Canada.

GUIDE DOGS OF THE DESERT

P.O. Box 1692

Palm Springs, CA 92263

(760) 329-6257

Website: www.guidedogsofthedesert.org

E-mail: info@gddca.org

Guide Dogs of the Desert train guide dogs for individuals.

INTERNATIONAL HEARING DOG, INC.

5901 East 89th Avenue

Henderson, CO 80640

(303) 287-3277 (Voice/TTY)

Website: www.ihdi.org

International Hearing Dog, Inc. has trained more than 1,000 hearing dogs since 1979 for persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. All of the dogs selected for this special training come from local animal shelters. This organization also trains dogs to assist deaf/blind individuals (in the home only) by guiding them slowly to the source of the sound.

LEASHES FOR LIVING ASSISTANCE DOG SCHOOL, LLC™

P.O. Box 156

Tonopah, AZ 85354

(623) 393-8481

Website: leashesforliving.com

E-mail: info@leashesforliving.com

Leashes for Living Assistance Dog School trains service dogs for individuals.

PAWS WITH A CAUSE

4646 South Division Street

Wayland, MI 49348

(800) 253-7297 (Voice)

Website: www.pawswithacause.org

Paws With A Cause trains assistance dogs nationally for people with disabilities and provides lifetime support which encourages independence.

PAWS'ITIVE TEAMS

(Services limited to San Diego County)

9225 Chesapeake Drive, Unit B

San Diego, CA 92123

(858) 674-0845

Website: www.pawsteams.org

E-mail: paws@pawsteams.org

Paws'itive teams train service dogs for individuals in the San Diego county area.

PRO-TRAIN

1544 Avohill Road

Vista, CA 92084

(760) 749-0897

(877) 223-3647 (Toll Free)

Website: www.protraindog.com/assistance_training.html

E-mail: protrain@flash.net

The Pro-Train organization trains service, hearing and guide dogs for individuals.

TENDER LOVING CANINES ASSISTANCE DOGS, INC.

(Services limited to San Diego County)

P.O. Box 1244

Solana Beach, CA 92075

(760) 736-4852

Website: tenderlovingcanines.org

Email: info@tenderlovingcanines.org

Tender Loving Canines Assistance Dogs trains service dogs for individuals in the San Diego county area.